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Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium e-Alert

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Smarter Balanced Pilot Information

A Smarter Balanced Pilot Test will be administered to students in Grades 3–11 during the spring of 2013. This pilot will be a computer-based administration in the content areas of English language arts/literacy and mathematics. It will provide the first opportunity for a large-scale tryout of assessment items and performance tasks. Educators are eager to learn more about the assessment system; therefore, participation in the Pilot Test is available to all classrooms within the Consortium. Schools selected for the “Scientific” component will be contacted between early December 2012 and January 2013. Please consider participation in the “Volunteer” pilot test component, if a school in your district is not selected for the “Scientific” component. This will ensure that Connecticut students are well represented in this important study.

The purposes of the Smarter Balanced Pilot Test are to (1) gather data on the functionality of items, (2) conduct initial scaling, and (3) test the online test delivery engine. Since the Pilot Test is designed to provide information about the performance of assessment items and performance tasks—not to accurately measure student achievement—the Consortium will not be able to provide detailed student performance results to schools.

The Pilot Test will not be the only opportunity for schools and educators to experience the assessments. In early 2014, a large-scale Field Test will be conducted. The goal of the Field Test is to ensure that administration, scoring, and reporting systems function correctly in preparation for the implementation of the assessment system in the 2014-15 school year.



Read the [Smarter Balanced Pilot Test Information Flyer](#) for more details about the 2013 Pilot Test.

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